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S. 382

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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AMENDMENT

Intended to be proposed by Mr. HUMPHREY to S. 382, a bill to promote fair practices in the conduct of election campaigns for Federal political offices, and for other purposes, viz: On page 52, after line 17, add the following:

1 TITLE V—REGISTRATION OF FEDERAL VOTERS

2 REGISTRATION FORMS

3 SEC. 501. (a) The Secretary shall prepare, in consulta-
4 tion with the Attorney General and the election officials of
5 the various States, a standard form which may be used to reg-
6 ister to vote in Federal elections by any citizen who is quali-
7 fied to register for voting in such elections. Two copies of
8 such form shall be included with each income tax return
9 mailed to a taxpayer by the Internal Revenue Service and
10 additional copies of such form shall be available at any Inter-

1 nal Revenue Service office. The Secretary shall enter into
2 arrangements with the Postmaster General under which addi-
3 tional copies of such form shall be available in each post
4 office. The Secretary shall undertake to notify persons who do
5 not receive such forms by mail of their right to register to
6 vote by using such forms. Such notification shall be by public
7 advertisement or such other means as may be effective.
8 Where appropriate, such notification and such forms shall be
9 in English and in the predominant non-English language used
10 in an area.

11 (b) Any person who elects to register for voting in
12 Federal elections using the form provided under subsection
13 (a) shall complete such form and sign it. The completed
14 form shall be returned to the Internal Revenue Service and
15 such person shall be registered to vote in Federal elections
16 in the State in which he resides, in accordance with such pro-
17 cedures as may be prescribed by the Secretary, if such per-
18 son is otherwise qualified to vote in such Federal election.

19 (c) The Secretary shall issue to any person registered
20 to vote in Federal elections under this section a certificate
21 of registration which shall be held and considered to be
22 prima facie evidence of such registration.

23 NOTICE TO STATE ELECTION OFFICIALS

24 SEC. 502. (a) Under such regulations as the Secretary
25 may prescribe, there shall be furnished to the appropriate

1 election officials of any State all necessary and appropriate
2 information regarding persons registered under section 501
3 to vote in Federal elections held in such State. On and after
4 the time such information has been so furnished to the appro-
5 priate election officials of any State in the case of any person,
6 such person shall be deemed to have met all the require-
7 ments for registration for voting in Federal elections held in
8 such State. Any such registration for voting shall continue
9 in effect for the same period of time it would have been in
10 effect had such person registered under the applicable State
11 law.

12 (b) Registration under this section of any person for
13 voting in Federal elections held in any State shall constitute
14 valid registration for voting in elections held in such State
15 other than Federal elections whenever the laws of such State
16 so provide.

17 PROHIBITION OF NATIONAL REGISTRY

18 SEC. 503. No national registry of persons shall be com-
19 piled or maintained from information derived under this title.

20 REPORT BY SECRETARY

21 SEC. 504. The Secretary shall report to the Congress
22 one year from the date of enactment of this Act with respect
23 to registration of voters under this title together with any
24 recommendations he may have, including recommendations

1 for additional legislation, for the more effective administra-
2 tion of voter registration under this title.

3 **PENALTIES**

4 SEC. 505. (a) The provisions of section (11) (C) of
5 the Voting Rights Act of 1965 shall apply to false registra-
6 tion under this title and other fraudulent acts and conspiracies
7 in connection with this title.

8 (b) Whenever the Attorney General has reason to be-
9 lieve that a State or political subdivision is denying or at-
10 tempting to deny to any person the right to vote in any
11 election in violation of this title, he may institute for the
12 United States, or in the name of the United States, an action
13 in a district court of the United States, in accordance with
14 sections 1391 through 1393 of title 28, United States Code,
15 for a restraining order, a preliminary or permanent injunc-
16 tion, or such other order as he deems appropriate. An action
17 under this section shall be heard and determined by a court
18 of three judges in accordance with the provisions of section
19 2282 of title 28 of the United States Code and any appeal
20 shall be to the Supreme Court.

21 (c) Any person who deprives, or attempts to deprive,
22 any other person of any right secured by the first section of
23 this title shall be fined not more than \$5,000, or imprisoned
24 not more than five years, or both.

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SEC. 506. The Secretary shall prescribe such regulations as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this title.

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DEFINITIONS

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SEC. 507. As used in this title, the term—

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(1) “State” means each of the United States, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico;

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(2) “Federal election” means any general, special, or primary election held for the purpose of nominating any candidate for election, or electing any candidate, as President, Vice President, presidential elector, Senator, Representative, or Delegate or Resident Commissioner to the Congress; and

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(3) “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Treasury or his delegate.

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